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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

In a wireless network system having a wired backbone network, one or more access points (APs), and one or more wireless units (WUs), a technique wherein an ΑP of automatically determines a factor indicative the error(s) occurring in the transmissions of one or more data packets to associated WUs, and automatically adjust fragmentation threshold in accordance with the The ΑP adjusts the transmission error factor. fragmentation threshold in a manner that the data throughput is increased. Since the AP automatically and the wireless medium periodically qauqes interference that can cause data transmission errors, the fragmentation threshold can be dynamically adjusted to respond to changes in the wireless medium, such as when a microwave oven is turned on, and/or when a Blue Tooth device is traversing the wireless medium, etc. much more effective than having a system administrator periodically gauge the wireless medium for the purpose of selecting the appropriate fragmentation threshold.